

the children are learning to observe with joy one of the great life-lessons laid down by the Master—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." It was wisely pre-arranged by the committee that each class should give a certain article, thus preventing confusion and repetition. There was a great deal of fun over the manner in which these gifts were presented. A large sleigh was placed on the platform and as Mr. Everett, the superintendent, called, each class responded in some original rhyme, manner or costume best calculated to furnish amusement to the audience. The Baraca's contribution was sacks of flour and they covered themselves with glory by repeating an original version of the "Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake" nursery rhyme. The primary department played the role of Santa Claus by filling a large number of stockings with nuts, candy, toys, etc., bringing happiness to many little ones who would otherwise have been deprived of their bit of Christmas. Each class, not excepting the staid and dignified Bible class, furnished amusement for the assembled crowd, and it was altogether an exceedingly successful affair. On the following morning the groceries were distributed to many poor and needy families, thus bringing to a close our Christmas celebration.

**Augusta:** Rev. W. J. Sechrest has accepted the call lately extended to him by one of the churches of this city, and changes his address from Montreat, N. C., to Augusta, Ga.

#### KENTUCKY.

**Versailles:** The Versailles Church has extended a unanimous call to Mr. Henry Wade DuBose, of the senior class of Louisville Seminary. Mr. DuBose has already proved himself to be a most useful and effective pastor and preacher, in his summer work while attending the Seminary.

#### LOUISIANA.

**New Orleans:** The Second German Church has invited Rev. Theodore F. Hahn, at present a missionary of the Congregational Church, in Mexico, to supply its pulpit for the next six months.

**—First Church:** The usual Union Communion Service will be held in the First Church, Lafayette Square, on the afternoon of the first Sunday of the New Year. By appointment of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association, Dr. Cornelson will deliver the address.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Carthage:** A meeting of unusual interest and power has just been completed in the Carthage Church, Rev. William Black, the Synodical Evangelist, aiding the pastor, Rev. J. K. Roberts. There were one hundred and fifty professions of faith and of those making this profession seventy will join the Presbyterian Church. A special feature of the meeting was the large attendance, filling a good part of the galleries, of the colored people, many of whom became interested.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Spartanburg:** The Sabbath-school of the First Church, of which Rev. Dr. J. S. Watkins is pastor, held a Christmas giving service on Sunday, the 19th, and brought in gifts of money fruit and other good things to the value of \$200 or more, which go to the Home Mission Schools at Balfour and Graham, N. C., at the suggestion of Secretary Morris.

**The Executive Committee** of the South Carolina Interdenominational Sunday-school Association has decided to transfer the headquarters of the association and the residence of its general secretary Mr. J. M. Way, from Pelzer to Spartanburg, where the Sunday-school workers of the city have provided a comfortable office free of charge.

**Hartsville:** Rev. T. F. Haney has begun his work here. His address is changed from Rock Hill to Hartsville, S. C.

**Columbia:** The "Woodrow Memorial" Church was organized on December 12, with about thirty members, two ruling elders and three deacons. It is the outcome of a mission of the First Church and has a fine building, given by Mrs. James Woodrow as a memorial to her husband.

**Union Church:** The Presbytery of Enoree has been called to meet at Spartanburg, January 5th, to consider an application to dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. A. G. Wardlaw and the Union Church.

#### TENNESSEE.

**Nashville:** The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Nashville, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, is called to meet in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. Friday, December 31, 1909, for the following: To consider the request of the Rev. James H. McNeilly, D.D., for a dissolution of the pastoral relation now subsisting between him and the Glen Leven Church. To dissolve the relations of Rev. T. A. Patton now subsisting between him and Hopewell, Cripple Creek and Stones River Churches, and dismiss him to Columbia Presbytery.

**Geo. O. Bachman, Stated Clerk.**

**Memphis:** The beautiful new house of worship of the Idlewild Church, Rev. W. A. Alexander, pastor, was dedicated to the service of God on December 12. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. A. B. Curry, pastor of the Second Church, Memphis, and part was taken in the service by Rev. Dr. Sterling J. Foster, the former pastor of the church.

#### TEXAS.

**San Antonio:** Rev. H. W. Hoon, of this city, has determined to accept a call recently given him by the Stamford Church, and will enter on his new work at the close of the present year.

**Austin Seminary:** Rev. Dr. J. L. Bell has accepted the professorship of New Testament Language and Exegesis in Austin Seminary, to which he was recently called, and will enter upon his new work on January 1. The Presbytery of Dallas

has dissolved his pastoral relation to the East Dallas Church.

**Fort Worth:** Broadway Church, Rev. Junius B. French, D. D., pastor, is still worshipping in their temporary tabernacle, but the plans and specifications for the new building are complete, the money on hand and the architect is instructed to advertise for bids at once. Their plan has been modified somewhat and the new building complete will cost them \$60,000, instead of 80,000, as originally planned. At last Sunday morning service, the work was apportioned to five committees, one for each ward, with Mr. J. B. Waples, one of the elders, as president of the organization. By this means the entire congregation will have its several share of the work. The pastor, officers and congregation seem all to be in earnest, and are determined to overtake the work.

**Dallas Presbytery:** To the Pastors and Churches of the Original Dallas Presbytery. Dear Brethren: It was agreed among us prior to the recent division of Presbytery that we should have but one treasurer until the close of the fiscal year, April 1st, 1910. The treasurer, Mr. W. G. Richardson, of Sherman, Tex., tells me that we will need at least \$200 more to pay the laborers of the third quarter ending December 31st. Please do not forget the offering for Assembly's Home Missions in January. Give us a good collection and let us push with vigor our Home Mission work. We need men sorely to take hold of the blessed opportunities and we need money to sustain the men we have in the field. Your gifts will bring your command to your servants the Home Mission Committee. Shall it be to go forward? With anxious hearts we await your response. For the committee,

**Jno. V. McCall, Chairman.**

**Navasota:** The record of the Navasota Church for the year is both interesting and encouraging. It shows a healthy and united church life. For Foreign Missions there is \$400 already collected of \$630 subscribed for the year. The Ladies' Aid contributed \$175 to the Mexican work in Texas and this year it will be increased \$25. The Young Ladies' Missionary Society gave \$25 for colored evangelization. So we have Home and Foreign Missions. The Sabbath school gives a regular monthly free-will offering to the Orphans' Home of Texas at Fife, caring for three children at \$6 each. The offering averages \$20 a month and this is the third year of this work (and may be the fourth). The pastor is in his sixth year of successful service.

**Waxahachie:** The commission of Dallas Presbytery appointed to install Rev. E. E. Bigger pastor of the Waxahachie Church performed that duty on Sabbath, December 19. Rev. E. M. Munroe, D.D., preached the sermon, presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. W. A. McLeod delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. Robert Hill, D.D., delivered the charge to the people. Dr. Hill also preached at night.

**Tyler:** The congregation of this church has determined to erect a new and hand-

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